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No Hope

By Betty Donner

YONDER in the dead of night,
While weary bodies long for sleep,
The rumble of the tom-toms breaks
The stillness of the jungles deep.
And lo! a fire brightly flickers,
Calling all from far and near,
They drink and dance; they weep and wail,
"No hope! No hope!" Oh, can't you hear?

Someone weak from sin and sickness,
Dragged out in the bush to die.
Gripped by fear of evil spirits,
Hopelessness is in their cry.
Some poor maiden forced in marriage,
Bought—not won by love's sweet vow.
Life for her just pain and sorrow.
"No hope! No hope!" Hear them now.

Millions still are bound and helpless,
Bodies wrecked and souls betrayed,
Satan's grip is overwhelming—
These for whom the price was paid.
Waiting for the Christ, their Saviour,
Waiting for His "Peace, be still!"
Waiting for the Gospel story.
No hope! No hope! waiting still.

Guidance at the Right Time

Life is a continuous chain of decisions. Problems present themselves in an unending procession, and we must decide between what is right and wrong, wise or imprudent. Some of these decisions affect only one day, some cover a week, while others will determine the course of our own lives and of our loved ones for months or years to come. The sum total of anyone's problems, looked at all at once, is alarming. But God does not expect us to deal with all that we can think of at any one time, for He has promised to give us light as we go forward. Hudson Taylor, who "was well-learned in the things of God, yet . . . could convey his meaning with great plainness of speech," while writing to his future brother-in-law in April, 1857, said: "I do not think we do well to appoint times when we will decide; we had better wait on the Lord, wait His time, be it long or short, and He will show us what to do when He sees the time is come. Expect not to see your way always open before you, if you would walk by faith. . . . To the eye of unbelief we shall at times seem to be losing time; at others, seem to be going backwards, it may be. But it is the Lord's way and will end in the promised land. . . . Keep looking to Jesus, receiving of His fullness, drinking in His teachings, seeking to tread in His footsteps, and light, joy, and liberty will be yours."[1] As a highway opens out at night before the headlights of a car, so the Christian's path becomes clear before him as he takes the next step in trust and obedience. Surely we may expect to have the light we need, for the Lord Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). We have also God's definite promise to lead us, in the inspired words of the Apostle James: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (1:5).

[1] From "Hudson Taylor's Legacy," pp. 13, 156; C. I. M.

II. The "Henceforth" as Friends of Jesus

The second of five editorials by J. B. Rowell, Th.D.

That Thou shouldst be the God Thou art,
And love me as Thou dost,
Is darkness to my intellect
But sunshine to my heart.

"Henceforth I call you not servants . . . but I have called you friends" (John 15:15).

WE FIND it comparatively easy to understand how a prince can be a friend to a beggar, but that a prince should make a beggar his friend fills us with astonishment. In like manner, but in a transcendent sense, we can grasp the thought, by the Holy Spirit's illumination, that Christ, the Holy One of God, should become the Friend of sinners; but that He should make a guilty sinner and rebel, redeemed by His grace, His friend, utterly baffles us.

"A friend of publicans and sinners" was the designation of our Saviour, given by His enemies, in order to bring Him into disrepute; and yet this very title proclaims the purpose of His coming into the world, as well as the matchless and unmerited grace of our God, in that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," for "by grace ye are saved."

The Proof of Our Saviour's Friendship

In the context of our chosen Scripture, John 15:15, our blessed Lord told the precious truth that giving His life to save us was the outpouring of the love of His heart. The central truth of God's revelation is told in the crimson line that runs through all Scripture, pre-eminent in our Lord's sacrifice on Calvary, and proclaiming Him the Saviour and Friend of sinners. True love is evidenced in what it costs—"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us" (1 John 3:16). Our Lord displayed His love when He stripped Himself of the insignia of divine majesty and glory when He "made himself of no reputation"; when He took upon Him the form of a servant; when

Comfort for Dark Days

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness" (Psa. 65:11).

He shared our human poverty and woe; when He was despised and rejected of men; and when, as our sin-bearer, He was crucified in our room and stead—when He just put Himself in our place. In this way "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Friends of Jesus

"Henceforth I call you not servants"; said our blessed Lord, "for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you" (John 15:15). Such words leave us amazed, as we contemplate the breadth and length, and depth and height of the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. Here we see saved sinners brought into the most hallowed union with Christ; admitted by sovereign grace into the bond of closest, holiest fellowship and friendship. Our Lord, in His prayer of intercession to the Father, said, "Thou hast . . . loved them, as thou hast loved me." Loved with the same love as the Father loves the Son, and reckoned *friends* of God's well-beloved! Full of deepest meaning, then, are His words, "Ye are my friends." In this light, it is with understanding we sing:

I stand all amazed at the love Jesus offers me,
Confused at the grace that so fully He proffers me;
I tremble to know that for me He was crucified,
That for me a sinner, He suffered, He bled and died.

Well might our souls be filled with wonder, love, and praise, since unfallen, angelic hosts engage in the contemplation of the unfoldings of divine grace toward fallen, rebellious man (1 Pet. 1:12).

Let us, then, take time to consider that into this earthly scene, where Satan had done his worst, came Jesus Christ our Lord, to give His life as the ransom price, to shed His precious blood to make full atonement, that hell-deserving sinners might be redeemed, forgiven, and set free in the very freedom of Christ. As a consequence, in the purpose of God, sinners saved by grace were exalted to be the friends of Jesus. What an amazing plan, emanating from the mind and heart of God, whereby this changed relationship was effected, so that those who were the enemies of God, and rebels against His government, were made His friends! Consider, too, O child of God, the intimacy of this holy friendship, as expressed by our adorable Saviour and Lord, when He said, "For all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."

The Marvel of This Friendship

We are told that Lord Brooks was so delighted with the friendship of Sir Philip Sydney that he ordered to be engraved on his tomb nothing but this, "Here lies the friend of Sir Philip Sydney." How much more wonderful it would be if every believer could have posted outside his home, "Here lives a friend of Jesus Christ." Perhaps we would be afraid to do this because of all that would be expected of us by our neighbors.

To be a friend of any great man of history would fade into insignificance compared with being a friend of Jesus, the One to whom every knee shall bow. Though in His perfect light we esteem ourselves as naught, yet, wonder of wonders, the Lord of all being delights to make us His friends! An awakened sinner is filled with a sense of the infinite distance between himself and a holy God; but when the precious fruitage of the cleansing efficacy of the blood of Christ is experienced in the soul, there comes a personal devotion to Christ which breaks down all barriers, as the Friend of sinners calls him His friend.

Earthly friends may fail or leave us,
One day soothe, the next day grieve us,
But this Friend will ne'er deceive us—
Oh, how He loves!

Thousands have felt a great loneliness when forsaken by friends. Job cried out, "My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me"; while David complained, "My lovers and my friends stand aloof" (Job 19:14; Psa. 33:11). In contrast with the fickle, failing friendship of mortals is the everabiding friendship of our truest Friend—"having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end" (John 13:1). It is the quality and reliability of His friendship which is the test of ours as friends of Jesus.

What It Means To Be a Friend of Jesus

As His friends, we should constantly seek Him in His Word, and expect Him in the means of grace; our minds should be filled with thoughts of Him, our hearts with devotion toward Him; our affections set on His glorious person; and our love ever seeking to give expression to that love; while our hands, feet, and talents are gladly given up to His holy service. As His friends, we must ever declare our steadfast allegiance to Him at all times, and under all circumstances. As His friends, our great object in life must be the advancement of His cause. As His friends, we can rejoice in loving all His friends, and may we never underestimate the privilege of having as our friends those who are His friends. The fact that a fellow Christian is a friend of Jesus should be sufficient reason for placing his name on our love-list. What a difference it would make in church life and Christian service if we viewed all believers in this light! Then, too, as His friends, we shall value His friendship in times of lonely grief and heartache; and when the sense of guilt fills our hearts, we shall know we can hasten to Him and find Him still the Friend of sinners, the Friend that sticketh closer than a brother, the Friend that loveth at all times, the Friend who knows what sore temptations mean, for He hath felt the same.

Our Conduct as His Friends

As the friends of Jesus, we are required to "walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work" (Col. 1:10). We should ever be determined to be faithful in love and loyalty, such as should exist between friends. Our friendship with Jesus, and the expression of it, should correspond to the love and character of Jesus, our Friend. His holy character demands our highest, noblest friendship. When enemies revile Him, or assail His cause, we should be courageous in our friendship. A true friend will make great sacrifices for a friend. What sacrifices do we make to be true friends of Jesus? Are we willing to lose earthly friends, or popularity, or worldly preferment, if we must, for His sake? Does it cost us anything to be the friends of Jesus? Or do we court the smile and approbation of men, and play false with the One who loved us and gave Himself for us? Let us remember God guarantees grace suf-

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Notes on Open Letters

The Chief Priests' Lie Concerning the Resurrection

In Dr. Soltau's article in the October 4 number (p. 951) of your paper he makes the statement:

"In no place do we find His enemies daring to suggest that the rising from the dead of . . . Jesus Christ had not taken place."

He surely must have overlooked Matthew 28, verses 11 to 15, especially the latter part of verse 15.—*A Washington, D. C., reader.*

Dr. Soltau's Reply

Your letter to The Sunday School Times concerning my article in the number of October 4th, has been forwarded to me.

In this letter you mention the passage in Matthew 28, verses 11-15, as in contradiction to my statement that in no place do wo find His enemies daring to suggest that the rising from the dead of Jesus Christ had not taken place. When I wrote that statement I was very conscious, of course, of the passage in Matthew 28, but inasmuch as, according to Matthew's Gospel, the soldiers were given money to propagate what was known to be a lie and was not an official statement of the elders or chief priests, it only goes to show how eager they were to do anything they might to discredit the historicity of the resurrection, but were totally unable to do so except by this propagation of what they knew was a lie.

Memories of Pastor R. A. Jaffray

A missionary statesman and pioneer, who carried the Gospel into "regions beyond" in the Far East

By WILSON WANG
(Translated by Harry Liu)

I USED to read Mr. Jaffray's articles in *The Bible Magazine*, but I did not then meet him or correspond with him. In March, 1929, when I was married, Mr. Jaffray gave us a wedding present. That is how we started our correspondence. The same summer I met him in Shanghai, and we became fast friends at first sight.

In 1930, when Mr. Jaffray went to the Dutch East Indies to open up a new work, he invited me to go along. We started from Hong Kong on the eight days' trip. We had prayer and Bible study every day.

His Use of Maps To Note Gospel Needs

During the several months that we traveled together, he had no time to enjoy the scenery. When we reached one place he first found out if there were any believers. If there were any Christians there, he would visit that family and borrow their home to preach the Gospel. He would stay in that city and preach for several days. If there was no church in that place, and if there were no believers because the Gospel had never been preached there, he would remember it in his heart, earnestly praying and planning to send someone there to preach the Word of God. He loved the maps. In his baggage there were all kinds of maps, on which he carefully noted where there were churches and where there were none, what was the population in that city, and what the special custom of that place. All this he learned to know very well.

One time we went to a place called Bali. He told me: "There are one million people there, but all believe in Hinduism. The language and customs are different than Java. The women wear aprons, the men wear shorts, and the children wear nothing! The Dutch Government calls it the Garden of Eden, for the women wear almost no clothes, and that draws the American and European visitors. Many Chinese went to do business there. It has been like this for several generations. The Java church sends a colporteur to sell Gospels there, but only in Javanese. The Americans and Europeans can come for a visit, but not for preaching; the Chinese are allowed to come to do business, but not to preach. We must cause the uncovered people in this island to wear the robe of righteousness."

We reached a city north of Bali and stayed in a small Chinese hotel. There were only two rooms joined together—one bright and one dark. He insisted upon giving the bright room to me. As soon as we put our things in order, he wanted to go out to find the colporteur. We had forgotten his address, so we prayed earnestly, asking the Lord to lead us to see this man. We went out to the street after praying, and Mr. Jaffray went into a Cantonese studio. Because he spoke pure Cantonese, he was warmly welcomed by the manager, Mr. Lu. When we asked about the colporteur, we discovered that he was a friend of Mr. Lu and had only arrived in that place the same morning and had spent quite a while in the studio. Mr. Lu sent for him right away, and within half an hour the colporteur with his Gospel books stood before us. God answered prayer in a wonderful way. Later on Mr. Lu and his family all came to Christ and became a devout Christian family. There was also an Armenian and a few of his countrymen in Bali. Although they were called believers, they were only so in name. As far as the way of salvation is concerned, they did not know the truth. When we found them we preached the Gospel to them. After Mr. Jaffray was through speaking, the people wept for their sins and repented. The Armenian lived with a native woman. Pastor Jaffray performed the marriage ceremony for them. A few years later when I visited Bali the second time, I found him still strong in faith and loving his wife. He told me himself: "Pastor Jaffray sent us a book to teach us how to make soap after he left us. I learned it. Now I am making a living on this soap business." How he appreciated Pastor Jaffray when he told me the story!

The Dutch Government did not allow any foreigners to preach the Gospel in Bali. Pastor Jaffray tried several times, but he failed. He said afterward: "There are many Chinese there. If we call the Chinese preachers to preach to the Chinese, would that be all right?" The Dutch Government could object no more. Therefore the first missionary to enter Bali was a Chinese, Pastor Tsang-To-Hang. Among those whom he led to the Lord was a young man whose father was Chinese and whose mother was a Balinese woman. Of course this first convert had many native friends and relatives, and they saw there was a great change wrought in this young man's life and they asked the reason why. So he took them to Pastor Tsang one by one and asked Pastor Tsang to reply. Pastor Tsang then preached the Gospel to them. They not only believed in the Lord, but also confessed Him before men boldly. They asked for baptism. Therefore the Lord opened the door to preach the Gospel in Bali. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Gospel Fruit in Bali

The second time I went to Bali I saw many believers there really put on clothes. They thoroughly understood the Gospel. The first time I preached to them, they sat on the ground and I sat on a small chair. I asked them, "Why can we sinners become the sons of God?" They said, "Because the blood of Jesus Christ was shed on the cross." I said, "Then, you must bear fruit to glorify Him." They said, "The wind is great, the rain is heavy, the fruit drops before it is ripened"—by this they pointed to persecution. I said, "Wind and rain makes the tree rooted deep!" They had not thought of this. They beat the ground with their hands to show their happiness. They love Pastor and Mrs. Tsang as their own parents. When Pastor Tsang left them, they held him and cried bitterly. This shows a little bit of Pastor Jaffray's pioneer work in the Dutch East Indies.

There were two places in Borneo

Dr. Griffith Thomas said many years ago: "R. A. Jaffray is one of the ten leading missionary statesmen in the world." Dr. Jaffray was born December 16, 1873, in Toronto, and died on July 29, 1945, in the internment camp in Macassar, Celebes, Dutch East Indies. His father was owner and publisher of the Toronto Globe, one of Canada's great daily papers, and his brother, the late W. G. Jaffray, was for many years president of the Globe Printing Company. Dr. Robert Jaffray was a missionary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Many of his articles appeared in The Sunday School Times.

These memories of Dr. Jaffray are by one who knew and loved him well, and who was associated with him for more than ten years. Mr. Wilson Wang is a brother of the well-known evangelist, Mr. Leland Wang, and both are officers of the Chinese Foreign Missionary Union. Mr. Harry Liu, who translated the article, traveled during the past year in the United States and England, in connection with the Pocket Testament League of New York. The biography of Dr. Jaffray, entitled, "Let My People Go," by A. W. Tozer, is published by Christian Publications, 1517 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg, Pa., $1.50.

which were unevangelized. Pastor Jaffray requested the Christian and Missionary Alliance Mission in America to send missionaries there. This could not be done. Pastor Jaffray therefore prayed for these two places earnestly. He said himself: "I am praying God to send laborers. If there are no laborers, I am willing to offer myself and go there to work. Although I am old and cannot learn the native language, I must go there to give out tracts, sell Gospel books. The Lord spoke to me in my prayer, 'You, Jaffray, prayed to Me earnestly for your wife's recovery, and now again ask Me to send laborers. Out of these two things which one should I answer first?' I replied immediately, 'My wife is not so important; human souls are important, sending laborers is important.' I finished my prayer and got up. I received a telegram which said, 'Two missionaries are coming!' When he said this, the tears were still in his eyes!

Keeping Missionaries in Indo-China

When I was in Indo-China, Pastor Jaffray said to me: "I believed the Lord in my youth. The Lord called me to go to Indo-China to preach the Gospel. But at that time the door for preaching the Gospel there was not yet opened. Therefore I chose a place which is the nearest to Indo-China. I spent nearly thirty years in that place and founded the church there. When the door to Indo-China opened I went into it to open up the new work there. When there were only seven believers in Indo-China, the first World War came; the government of Indo-China wanted to drive out the missionaries. My heart was very sad. I went to see the governor of Indo-China and asked him to withdraw his order, but he said, 'No.' I asked him three times, but he turned me down.

"Then I talked to him of something else. I changed the subject to the war in Europe, and praised the French troops and their courage. They were fighting inch by inch. When the governor heard that, he was moved greatly. So he produced a big map from his library and showed where the French troops had fought for a week, but had not recovered one inch of space on the map! Afterward, he said, 'Pastor Jaffray, is there anything I can do for you?' I said: 'I want nothing. I only want you not to order the missionaries out.' He promised immediately to withdraw his order. No word can express my joy. I came out of the governor's office to board the train. When I walked into the last train, nobody was there. I praised God in a loud voice! He answered my prayer, so that the seven babies in Christ have someone to look after them. Now (in 1930) there are 7,000 believers there. The Indo-Chinese church has evangelistic services every night."

In Pastor Jaffray's life he was a missionary three times over: first to Kwangsi, China; then to French Indo-China; and the last ten years of his life in the Dutch East Indies.

Pastor Jaffray did not believe the missionaries should be the leaders of the local churches after they were established. Missionaries should move on and let the local believers shoulder the responsibilities. Someone asked, "Then, what shall the missionaries do?" He said, without hesitation, "Open up some new work where the Gospel has never been preached!"

Pastor Jaffray often said: "In the big cities there is traffic control. The red light means stop; the green light means proceed. We missionaries go out to preach and only see green lights; we do not see red lights. We can only go forward!" Again he said: "Many people pray, 'Lord, come, I want Thee to come!' But they do not hear what the Lord said — 'Go, I want you to go!'" He always thought that when the Gospel has been preached all over the world, and all people have been witnessed to, then the Lord will come; the Lord has not come because the Gospel has not been preached to all the people.

Pastor Jaffray was the first one to use the airplane to preach the Gospel. In Dutch New Guinea there are natives who were undiscovered until recently. The world never knew there was such a race. A few years before the war in the Pacific started, a member of the Dutch royal family discovered it when stopping over in his airplane. The natives of that place had never seen the outside people, especially the white people. They thought he was a god. They would not let him leave them. Mr. Jaffray heard of this race. He asked the Lord to send workers to preach the Gospel. Due to the difficulty of traveling, they went by plane. Thus God gave wings to the Gospel.

His Vision of the Need in China

Pastor Jaffray saw that the greatest need in the Chinese church is the missionary spirit toward the outside world. He believed the Chinese churches had good workers, and also financial resources; the Chinese church must be revived! Therefore the Chinese Foreign Missionary Union was organized.

It was said that when Jaffray first believed in the Lord, he heard a woman believer say, "Can you give reasons why you don't go to preach the Gospel to the people who have never heard it?" He remembered this word, and became a missionary, although his father opposed him, even counting him as not his son. His father was rich, but did not give a cent to him; but he heard the Lord's call and he went straight forward. Several decades later, his father's heart was turned.

Those who did not know him well, thought he had no burden, no sorrow. But those who knew him, knew he had trials all through his life. He had few earthly comforts; he put his trust in the Lord. His enjoyment was his work.

Once he came to our city of Foochow. We all went to meet the boat at Mamoi. There is beautiful scenery there. All those who came to Foochow for the first time stood on the side deck and looked at the scenery. We thought Pastor Jaffray must be among them, but we looked in vain. We thought he hadn't come. When we got on board the ship, we found his name was on the passenger list. When we went to his room, he was still sitting on his bed writing articles for *The Bible Magazine*. When he saw me he said: "Has the boat arrived? Then I must get up and dress." On that visit to Foochow he had ten days of meetings; my two brothers, Chun Fah and Philip, both believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. After ten days' work he said to me, "I am enjoying my vacation here, now I must go to find lost sheep in the far country!"

Just Beginning To Work

I still remember once in Java when I said to Pastor Jaffray: "There is a Foochow man here. He was an earnest preacher, but has now stopped working for the Lord." Immediately he and I went to find that man and asked him why he stopped working for the Lord. He said, "I am old and useless." He didn't know that Pastor Jaffray was older than he. I remember Jaffray said to him: "I have been learning how to work all through my life; now I am just beginning to work!" That old brother was greatly encouraged.

Once we sailed together, second class. There were too many people in a cabin. Pastor Jaffray had no leisure on the boat either to write books or to write letters. He went to see the captain, requesting him to open an empty first-class room for him to work in. He said: "It is not because I could not afford to take the first class, but my money is all contributed by others, and in it there are the widow's two mites. Your room is empty; how about opening it for my use?" The captain said: "My mother was also an earnest Christian. When I was young, I learned to sing hymns at her knee. Now because I am a seaman, I am getting cold. Today I saw your labor of love, your work for the Lord; I am inspired!" It is needless to say that his request was granted.

Although Pastor Jaffray spoke Cantonese, when he went to the South Seas, he was too old to learn the Dutch or Malay languages. One day he went to see a Dutch officer. The officer purposely spoke Dutch to him. Pastor Jaffray pointed to his own white hair and said to the Dutch officer: "Although you don't respect an Englishman, you should respect an old man. It is not that I don't want to learn your honorable language, but I am old and have no way to learn it." The Dutch officer felt ashamed, and spoke English to him immediately. It

is no wonder people think of him as one of the missionary statesmen of the world.

Pastor Jaffray had special love for the brethren and sisters who fell. There were two sisters in the Dutch East Indies who fell into temptation. Every time Pastor Jaffray went to that place he would call on them. He said, "Some day when they need a friend, I want to be their friend."

Another time, going from Hong Kong to Shanghai, he saw two young girls among the passengers. They wanted to find their uncles in Shanghai. Pastor Jaffray preached to them and told them to trust the Lord. He was also afraid the young girls would fall into evil men's hands, so he escorted them to the missionary's home temporarily, to wait for their uncles to take them home.

Pastor Jaffray believed in divine healing. In 1938 he was sick in the United States. The doctor said that unless he had an operation immediately his life was in danger. Pastor Jaffray replied: "My body is not mine, it is the temple of the Holy Ghost. Let me pray, and ask God if I need an operation or not; tomorrow morning I can decide." The doctor said, "If you don't have an operation right away, tomorrow morning will be too late; you cannot wait!" Pastor Jaffray did not consent. The doctor said, "I never saw such a man, who does not fear death!" The same evening the Lord healed him. The next morning even the doctor said himself that the operation was unnecessary!

Pastor Jaffray and I worked together in *The Bible Magazine* for more than ten years. I can truthfully say that he was a good friend and a kind co-worker. I write this to the glory of God and to the memory of a friend I honored and loved.

PENANG, MALAYA.

Enlisting Juniors in Missionary Giving

What a class of nine Juniors has done for boys in a mission school

By JOHN G. CAMP

LAST January a class of eleven and twelve-year-old Sunday school boys in the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge, N. J., was asked if they would not like to help our missionary. They responded so well that, in addition to their regular Sunday school collection, they gave direct to missions for the first six months of 1947, $13.57. There are nine in the class, and I believe this amount compares favorably with the average gifts to benevolences of the total church membership.

This fine response on the part of the boys came about in the following manner.

A little more than a year ago I was asked to become their teacher. They were like most boys of Junior age, full of pep. So I got them together once a month to blow off steam. However, I had each one bring his Bible; and we had a short Bible discussion first, followed by light refreshments. And then, well, I am not saying what followed, except that, under supervision, they did about as they wished.

However, as I had formerly been a teacher of a men's Bible class, I began to make myself over and think in terms of a boy's life. I soon discovered that boys of today jingle much more money to spend than they did when I was a boy. And knowing the great missionary needs since the war, I wondered if I could not get them interested in using some of their pocket money, which is usually spent on themselves, to help other boys for whom the missionaries have no spare change. I mentioned this to one of our missionary speakers, and he suggested "staking a claim," and sent me printed matter concerning it. But it seemed to me that this would not interest young boys today, although it might have in the days of '49. Therefore I wrote to one of our own missionaries, explaining that I desired to find some boy in his mission who needed help, and for which he had no provision.

Strange to say, he had just such a case on his hands, an Indian boy of nearly the same age as the boys in my class. The boy was in the mission school, but without proper clothing. This word came about the middle of March. The boys had been saving their pennies and nickels ever since the first of January, and the amount up to this date was over $6, in addition to their regular Sunday school offerings. I talked it over with the boys, and they voted to send $5 to the Indian boy, Andy, Lopez.

I wrote the letter, which they signed and sent to the matron of the school. Later we received a reply from Andy, thanking the boys for the money. He explained his use of the gift as follows: "I bought me a pair of pants which I needed very much, and also had my shoes soled."

To say that the boys appreciated this firsthand missionary effort is putting it mildly. Later, the matron wrote the class and included a small photograph of Andy for each one of the class. I had previously taken a picture of the class and sent one to Andy.

This summer we received word that Andy had given his heart to Christ. He has not had it too easy, for his parents are not Christians and want him to come home, which he did this summer, and had been working in the cotton fields. Does all this pay? Ask my Sunday school class, who are still saving their nickels to help again, if necessary; or perhaps help some other boy who may be in need. Some time ago they voted Andy an absent member of the class, and wrote him to that effect.

Later, the boys also sent a regular class letter, signed by each fellow, and recently I received a full-page typewritten letter from the missionary, meant for the whole class. In it are these words, "We greatly appreciate your interest in the boy, and hope that by our combined efforts, we may be able to help him continue his education."

Do you think the boys will let him down if he is in need? I do not.

Later we learned of the needs of another Indian boy, Bevin Lewis, and the class sent $6 for clothing for him, $1 of which he gave to his sister. Bevin's father gave up a good-paying job of driving a tractor so that he might study to be a missionary to his own people.

To date (November 24), the boys have given $25 to missions.

My main reason for writing this is the hope that it may inspire other teachers to see how responsive the Juniors will become when the specific needs of the mission fields are presented. I believe these nine boys are just a sample of what many other Juniors of the same age would be glad to do if the right appeal is made.

WOODBRIDGE, N. J.

A Plea From Africa

(This moving plea for a missionary was received by the Rev. E. P. Howard, Christian and Missionary Alliance missionary to the French Sudan.)

San P. O.
Ntoroso, Le 11 Novembre, 1946,
French Sudan, F. W. A.

Dear Pasteur in Chief:

We (Christians) of Nouna delight to send this letter to you, our spiritual chief in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ — the name by which the poor may speak to God's anointed. Forgive us for writing. We beg of you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — Him who has chosen you that through your lips, all races may hear the good news.

We, the Christian (leaders) of Nouna are gathered together to send this petition to you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to beg of you this one thing — *it is this, to petition you for a missionary*, who will "sit" in the Nouna district. We beg to you, we beg of you, we beg of you. Give us a missionary in order that our people may not go down into perdition. We had heard that

a missionary couple was coming (to Nouna). We were filled with joy. Now we hear that you want them to go some other place. We have wept over your name. Our hearts have turned to water. Our strength is finished.

Oh! our big chief, hear these poor people and give us a missionary leader! Read this letter and ask our Lord Jesus about it. Our leader, consider the persecution we have endured. We repented in 1940. The paramount chief at Nouna beat us and beat us. They put us in prison. They stripped our girls and beat them publicly. They shaved our heads without water. We were persecuted so that many of us ran away, dispersed to other sections of the country. After that God spoke to six of us. We returned and came to Ntoroso. We studied the Word of God. Then we served evangelists and teachers in the San district. We preached and taught for three years. Now we want to return to our own districts to preach there. Because now the people of eight villages have repented and there are many Christians. We beg you, our leader, give us a missionary (to stand with us) in order that your children's strength may not be exhausted. Those of us from Nouna who are new Christian workers number six. We have united to write this letter to you, our leader in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May the Lord cause the mission to increase under your leadership.

Signed

Karifa and Dabe and Job and Paul and Peter

Karifa Traore, Protestant Mission at Ntoroso.

Primary Children CAN Be Missionaries

How a superintendent presents missions to tiny tots

By DORIS LOUISE SEGER

IN A recent discussion among a group of Christian workers I heard this statement: "Primary children are too young to be burdened with missions." I am afraid I looked rather pityingly at the speaker, for I knew that nothing was farther from the truth. After five years' experience in the Primary Department of our church, I have discovered that little folks are capable of real missionary vision.

I would enjoy introducing little Sue to my skeptical friend. One bright Sunday morning not long ago Sue entered the Primary Department of the Ganson Street Baptist Bible School with a jar so heavy she could scarcely carry it. Eyes glowing like stars, Sue marched up at offering time and poured the contents of her burden into the missionary jug—over ten dollars in pennies, nickels, and dimes. It was all the spending money she had received for many months. She said, "This is for Danny." Visions of goodies foregone, of childish wants denied, came to me, as I watched Sue return to her place in the seven-year-old girls' class, happy because she had seen a vision of whitened harvests and was able to do something about it.

David is six, and in spite of the fact that his mother, a teacher in our department, is the sole support of the family of five, he proudly puts his offering into the missionary jug each Sunday. Surely he has caught the vision of sacrificial giving from his godly mother, and is receiving a precious heritage, a missionary heart.

Of course this spirit of giving, this vision of the world in need of a Saviour, has to be carefully cultivated. But the soil of child-heart is soft and fertile, eager to receive the seeds of missionary vision. Never a Sunday goes by in our department without a vital, realistic presentation of missions. Snatches of letters received from missionaries are read or related. Needs of Danny, missionary child whose parents labor in the southern tip of Africa, and who looks to the Primaries for his entire support, are discussed. Condition of his health, dangers he encounters daily, are vividly pictured. The necessity for a new house for Peggy, the children's missionary in Kentucky, is presented, or her need for a new Ford to climb the rocky hills to remote sections. Fervent prayer is offered for these vital needs. Thus the children learn obedience to the Lord's command, "Go ye," not only by giving but by praying. The children are entranced when they learn that the extra large offering sent last month exactly met the need for additional room in the orphanage in Kentucky.

"Primary News," a mimeographed sheet containing bits of gossip concerning the department, enters the home of each child monthly, and tells the parents as well as the children how much was received for missions. Because of the enthusiasm of tiny tots, parents become interested, and send fifty cent pieces and dollar bills in place of the pennies that formerly predominated.

Pictures of missionaries supported by the department are given to each child. Sunday school papers are saved by the children and sent periodically to the missionaries.

Last year our Primary Department, with an average attendance of 102, gave $724.68 to missions, far exceeding the giving of many whole congregations.

Excitement ran high as news came that Peggy was coming from her mission station in Kentucky. Letters were sent to all the children warning them not to miss her visit. On the eventful Sunday morning the department was crowded to the doors, each of us eagerly awaiting a peek at our very own, honest-to-goodness missionary. The boys and girls listened attentively as Peggy told what their prayers and money had accomplished. She has become as familiar to them as their own parents—and almost as precious.

It has been said that a missionary-minded church is a growing church. The same holds true of Sunday schools. The children themselves want to be good missionaries at home. Many of them work hard to bring other children with them. One little fellow tried for months to get his younger brother to come with him. Finally the day arrived when he marched in the door holding tight to little brother's hand, his face beaming. Proper recognition of this accomplishment was given. He was commended for being a good missionary.

With $400.51 already received for the first six months of this year, missionary giving will far exceed that of last year.

To my doubtful friend, and to all who are interested, let me heartily say, "Primaries *can* be missionaries!"

JACKSON, MICH.

Unique Missionary Banks

By Elizabeth Williams Sudlow

IN ONE Bible school a worker in the Primary Department asked permission to make a special bank, or container, for each monthly missionary offering. She had three firm convictions. One was that missionary instruction should be given to the young children. Second, she felt that the appeal would be more effective if presented through the eye gate. Third, she believed that every child is a potential missionary, and interest may be created very early in life.

For several Sundays before the missionary offering is taken the children are told about it—what the money will be used for, and why it is necessary for the children at home to add their mites. The thought that it is a *privilege* to give is ever kept uppermost.

On the Sunday preceding the one on which the offering is taken, each little paper that is taken home has a message written across the margin—a reminder to the parents.

The special banks, or containers, are unique. At Christmas time a wee tree is fitted to the top of a can, and through a slot cut in the lid the offering is dropped. Sometimes a doll is dressed in the costume of the country for which the money is to be used, and stands on the offering box. Again, an empty shoe may

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LESSON 2. JANUARY 11. WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT GOD

Isaiah 40:28-31, Matthew 6:9, John 14:8-14, Acts 17:22-31, printed text, Isaiah 40:28-31, John 14:8-14

Golden Text.—But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.—Heb. 11:6

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Isa. 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

John 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

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The Lesson as a Whole

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Approach to the Lesson

NATURE is a witness to the reality of God as the mastermind behind this universe. That this vast creation should have developed of itself into the orderly, law-controlled, apparently illimitable system that it is, without a creator and upholder, is unthinkable. "The things . . . seen" are therefore a testimony to the existence of God, telling out His power and wisdom. But it is in Christ alone that we learn the love and holiness of God. These are declared in the Scriptures of both Testaments, but are seen in their fullness in our Lord Jesus Himself, He who came to reveal the Father and to give His life as a ransom that guilty sinners might be reconciled to God.

He is said to be the exact expression of His (that is, of God's) character (Heb. 1:3, literal rendering). In Him we learn God's attitude toward mankind, His detestation of sin, and yet His yearning love for the sinner. If we desire to know God better we should read the four Gospels more diligently and become better acquainted with Christ Himself, who is God manifest in the flesh. The holiness of Jesus is the holiness of God. The love of Jesus is the love of God. And we need to remember that the hatred of Jesus, His detestation of hypocrisy and of all impurity and unrighteousness, often so vehemently declared, is the expression of God's hatred of all iniquity.

The Historical Setting

Isaiah 40 begins the second half of this great prophecy, which is attributed by many to a different author than the one who wrote the first part. They call him "the second Isaiah," or the "great unknown," but our Lord recognized the unity of authorship, as we may see from the use He made of this part of the prophecy (Luke 4:17-19; Matt. 8:17). Isaiah flourished some 700 years before Christ. John, the author of the fourth Gospel, lived to a great age and probably wrote this record of the life of Jesus somewhere between A.D. 70 and 90. It was in circulation among the churches early in the second century of our era.

Verse by Verse

Isa. 40:28.—*"The Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not."* The expression, "ends of the earth," covers the entire world, thus distinguishing Jehovah, the God of Israel, from all the tribal gods of the nations. He is the omnipresent One, infinite in wisdom and omnipotent in power.

Verse 29.—*"He giveth power to the faint."* God imparts His own strength to those who take the place of confessed weakness and look to Him in faith.

Verse 30.—*"The youths shall faint . . . the young men shall utterly fall."* Physical powers soon fail, even the strongest grow weak eventually.

Verse 31.—*"They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength."* Those who learn the secret of depending upon the living God find spiritual vigor that enables them to rise above the things of this world—mounting up as eagles, and so sustaining them that they can run their appointed race without weariness and walk with God without fainting as they face the conflicts of the way.

John 14:8.—*"Shew us the father, and it sufficeth us."* How many have echoed these words since Philip uttered them! Men are perplexed and confused because they fail to avail themselves of the revelation God has given concerning Himself, or they misapprehend the instruction of His Word. Philip had been with Jesus some three or more years; yet had but dimly realized the truth of the mystery of Christ's person.

Verse 9.—*"He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."* All that God is has been told out in Jesus. He was the Word incarnate, who made God known to all who believed in Him.

Verse 10.—*"I am in the Father, and the Father in me."* The human mind cannot fathom the full meaning of these words, but they declare that God and Jesus were absolutely one and inseparable. He could say, *"The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."* In His place as the dependent Man, the Lord chose not to exercise His own divine power or wisdom, but to be submissive in all things to the Father, who found in Him a perfect instrument through which to work.

Verse 11.—*"Believe me for the very works' sake."* All that He did bore witness to His divine relationship to the Father. His miraculous signs bore testimony to His Sonship and union with God.

Verse 12.—*"Greater works than these shall he do."* Christ promised His disciples that if they believed, they should do even greater works than He had done—after He returned to the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, came to abide with them forever (John 14:16). Pentecost was itself the first fulfillment of this, and as the days went on the truth of the promise was demonstrated more and more, as scores, hundreds, and even thousands (Acts 4:4) turned to the Lord through the ministry of Peter and John and the other apostles. Miracles were comparatively few, though they were wrought as occasion seemed to demand, but the greater works consisted in bringing the multi-

tudes to repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. In this mighty work Peter and John had, during the earlier years of Christian testimony, the first place.

Verse 13.—*"Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do."* To ask in His name is not simply to add some such expression to our prayers as "In the name of the Lord Jesus"; but it means to ask by His authority. They were to go forth in His name, to baptize in His name, to preach in His name, and to pray in His name. He must be recognized as Master and Lord in all that we do as Christians. When these conditions are met, we may be assured that we shall have the answer to our prayers.

Verse 14.—*"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."* This is the secret of effectual prayer. When we are assured of His will and make our requests in accordance with that will, we ask in His name and He promises to answer. Thus He declares Himself to be as truly God as He is truly man. It is God alone who answers prayer; so the Lord Jesus Christ was assuring His disciples that He was, in very truth, the Sent One of the Father, the eternal Son manifested in flesh and now about to return to that glory from which He came.

The Heart of the Lesson

Honest inquirers after God will find their questions answered and their perplexities solved when they become acquainted with Jesus Christ as revealed in the Word. In Him we see God fully manifested. He was not a man seeking after God, as many assert. In Him we see God seeking after man, making known that God, apart from Christ, must forever remain *The Unknowable*, so far as the human mind is concerned. But in the Son we see the Father manifested.

Lesson Outline

THE POWER AND GOODNESS OF GOD

1. The unwearied Creator (Isa. 40:28)
2. Imparting strength to those who wait upon Him (vs. 29-31)
3. His Fatherhood fully revealed in Jesus (John 14:8, 9)
4. Witnessed by His words (v. 10)
5. Witnessed by His works (v. 11)
6. Working still through those who believe in Him (v. 12)
7. Hearing and answering prayer (vs. 13, 14)

Special Lesson Topics and Truths

The Unity of the Father and the Son. This unity does not involve the thought that the Father and the Son are exactly the same person. They are two persons, and yet one in the unity of deity, with the Holy Spirit constituting the eternal Trinity. Jesus, while here on earth, was as truly God as He was man. He remains for all eternity the Man Christ Jesus, and yet is God, over all, blessed forever. All that the Father is we see in the Son become incarnate. The invisible God has been revealed in Christ, who is the eternal Word, through whom all things were brought into existence in Heaven and earth; that is, in the entire created universe.

Summaries and Applications

Men seek through human philosophy to find out God, only to remain in hopeless ignorance. When they come in the simplicity of faith to the Lord Jesus, their quest is ended.

Theologians who refuse to be taught by the plain words of Scripture flounder in confusion of mind as they talk of the problem of Jesus. But He is no problem. He is the divine solution to all our problems.

Only those who receive Christ in faith as Saviour and Lord find the Father. Apart from Him, men are doomed to hopeless orphanage.

It is foolish to prate of miracles as the greater works that Jesus promised to enable His believing disciples to perform. None, since His day, have done as great miracles as the stilling of the tempest, the raising of Lazarus, or the feeding of the multitudes; but winning souls to Christ is, in the eyes of God, greater than these mighty works.

Let us not be content with acknowledging one true and living God. We need to be sure that we know Him as our Father, whose heart beats in tender love toward all who trust Him.

CHICAGO.

Last Week's Lesson

1. January 4.—Beliefs That Matter. John 20:30, 31; Acts 16:11-15; 1 Timothy 4:16; 1 John 5:1-5

Next Week's Lesson

3. January 18.—Our Relationship to God. John 4:5-26; Romans 8:12-17, 31-39

Questions for Teacher and Class

By Pastor J. C. Macaulay
Wheaton Bible Church, Wheaton, Ill.

WHAT are the differences between the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament?

2. What do you think of the theory which regards the Old Testament as a gradual breaking through of a primitive people from polytheism to monotheism?

3. Is there such a phenomenon as progressive revelation?

4. What would you consider the basic element in Isaiah's conception of God?

5. Why is Isaiah called the evangelical prophet?

6. How is grace presented in Isaiah 40: 28-31?

7. By what right may we call God our Father?

8. What paradoxical relation between the Lord Jesus and the Father appears in the statement of John 14:9, 10?

9. Are Christ's works the final proof of His deity?

10. What does it mean to pray in the name of Jesus?

(Answers on page 1297)

From the Platform

By Joseph Edwin Harris

A Prayer Before the Lesson.—O God, our Father, who dost give power to the faint and dost renew the strength of all who wait upon Thee, we come to Thee now in grateful love and earnest entreaty. We thank Thee that Thy love which has blessed us all our days is everlasting, and that goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. Take from us all worry, and keep us resting in Thy love. Make us worthy of that love, O Lord, cleansing our thoughts, ennobling our desires, making us truthful and kind in speech, upright and helpful in deed. Guide all who rule in this and in other nations, that they may do Thy will. Let reverence toward Thee increase, and draw the unsaved to seek the Saviour. May the Gospel be taken to all who still are without it, and may that multitude that no man can number from every tongue and tribe and people and nation, the multitude of Thy redeemed people, soon be complete, and the reign of the Lord Jesus displace the rule of sin. Forgive our own sins, and bless us by Thy Word today, for Christ's sake. Amen.

After the Lesson.—The Bible says God is a spirit. It also tells us He is the Father of Spirits. All spirit beings, men or angels, have a likeness to God

AM I THE FATHER'S CHILD BY FAITH IN CHRIST ?

as the Father of spirits. It was of that likeness to God Paul spoke at Athens when he said, "We are . . . [God's] offspring." He was speaking to heathen people then. But writing to Christian people he said, "Ye are all the children of God *by faith in Christ Jesus.*" Paul knew that Christians are children of God in a way that others are not.

Sin has spoiled the relation between men and God as the Father of their spirits. God now must say to men, "If . . . I be a father, where is mine honour?" Sin makes men act more like children of the Devil than children of God. Indeed, the Lord Jesus actually told His enemies, "Ye are of your father the devil."

So if we would really know God as our Father, and be His true children, something has to be done in us; and only the Lord Jesus can do it. John tells us: "As many as received him [Christ], to them gave he power to become the sons of God." Power to become real children of God comes from Jesus Christ when we receive Him as our Saviour. So today, as we think of the Father in Heaven, let each one ask himself, "Am I one of God's true children?" If sin has spoiled things between us and God so that we act more like children of

the Devil than children of God, lose no time in telling the Saviour about it. Own up to your sin, ask His forgiveness, and Christ will make us God's children, and enable us to live so as to please Him. Then God will be even more real and more precious to us than our earthly father.

VANCOUVER, B. C., CAN.

The Busy Men's Corner

By Tom M. Olson

"Hast thou not known . . . the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator? (Isa. 40:28.)—In the introduction to "The God Who Matters," a London journalist says: "A friend of mine traveling in a railway carriage one day found himself in the company of a voluble atheist. . . . My friend, on the other hand, was not a voluble character—in fact, he was extremely quiet and reserved and certainly not in any sense argumentative; but when challenged to his face, he was quite capable enough of giving a reason of the hope that was in him.

"He listened interestedly to the atheist, waiting for a chance 'to get a word in edgeways,' as we say, and at last the man exhausted himself with the bald statement: 'God! God! There ain't no such being as God!'

"'That's curious,' observed my friend very quietly, 'I happen to know Him!' And then, after a pause, 'And more curious still, you happen to hate Him!' If there can be any more potent evidence of the reality of God than the fact that so many men and women know and love Him, it can only be that so many others don't know Him, but hate Him."

I like the incident about the high school girl, who had been reared in a Christian home where the Bible was acknowledged as the Word of God. When in examination the question was asked, "What is the Darwinian theory of the origin of man?" she wrote out the theory as she had been taught it, and added, "But I don't believe it!"

She wondered what the teacher would think, and what her grade would be. When the papers were returned, she was pleased to notice she had received a good grade. She ran her eyes down the paper to the place where she had written, "But I don't believe it," and was delighted to find in the teacher's handwriting, "Neither do I!" Both teacher and scholar believed that God was the creator of all things, including man.

"He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" (John 14:9.)—God was not content with making creation bear witness to His existence, wisdom, power, and goodness. His delights were with the sons of men, and He longed to come near to us, and bring us into relationship with Himself. This is the message of incarnation.

I read the personal experience of a Mr. H. Gill of Canada, which impressed me. He said he remembered passing down a street of a city in the wintertime. Someone had thrown a sheaf of grain into a vacant lot, and as he passed by, that sheaf of grain was covered with sparrows. They were having a royal feast. He stood and watched them, and as he drew near to them they began to get uneasy. He took another step forward, and they got more nervous still, and one step more, and their wings were up, and away they flew. He said to himself—What is the trouble with the sparrows? I meant them no harm! And the answer came, The trouble is not with the sparrows, but with yourself, you are far too big! Then he wondered how he could get down among those sparrows so that they would not be afraid. There was only one answer, Be a sparrow yourself! If he could become a sparrow, he could fly down among them, and not one would fly away. . .

What God taught Mr. Gill that day was a reflex of what took place in His own blessed heart. God came near to man in one form and another (in Old Testament times) and man was afraid, and God said, I will become Man, so as to get near to man; and in coming into manhood form, He came into it at its weakest point, babyhood. Adam was created a full-grown man; but when God drew near to man He came in the form of a babe.

That man was "God manifest in the flesh" (1 Tim. 3:16). "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9). How exact is the truth He revealed to Philip: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father"! What a vision of faith!

The unbelievers did not see the Son in the lowly Jesus. They only saw a carpenter. But faith saw in Him the only begotten Son, the perfect revelation of the Father. The faith that sees the glory of the Son also sees the Father revealed in the Son. The grace, the love, the wisdom, and power that shone in His words and works declare the heart of the Father.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is" (Heb. 11:6).—It was encouraging to find the editorial of the November 24th issue of *Life*

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF PRAYER

given over entirely to the important subject of "Thanksgiving."

The article tells about William Bradford — one of the least known of American heroes — who became Governor of Plymouth when only thirty-two years old. He wrote a book entitled, "History of Plymouth Plantation." These were the jottings of twenty years' experience.

It is interesting to note that "the dominant fact about William Bradford, leaping from every page of his book, is that *he trusted in God and believed in the efficacy of prayer.*" Mr. Bradford insisted that it was divine intervention that preserved them from the Indians and conspirators and took care of their finances — and so it was.

It was a living God upon whom Bradford and the Pilgrims relied as they prayerfully carved the outlines of our way of life.

The most blatant infidel must admit that God abundantly rewarded those diligent seekers. When God says, "Seek ye me" (Isa. 45:19), it is no vain thing to be a seeker.

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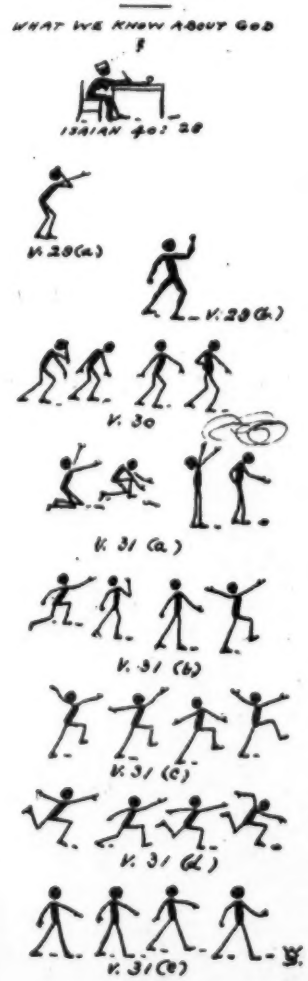
Little Jetts Teach the Lesson

By Wade C. Smith



Say, Fellows,—

Wade C. Smith's Boys' Class

SAY, fellows, what do you know about God? Nothing more important than this could occupy your thoughts at this moment. Have you ever taken time to list the facts you have been told about God, and how many of those facts you *know* of a certainty? What you believe about God will altogether affect the serenity of your heart and mind — now and for eternity.

I well remember that as a boy I was afraid of God. I felt that if I should meet God in the road I would run. I had that conception of His holiness, His justice, and His stern judgments that would awe me at the thought of God's presence, for I knew that I was a sinner, and if He should come upon me suddenly I would want to hide. (You will recall that Adam felt that way when he heard the voice of God in the garden.) But I did not feel that way about the Lord Jesus. I thought if I should see Jesus coming down the path, I would hasten to meet Him, for I was sure I would see a smile of recognition upon His face; I would hear my own name uttered by His lips, and I would see His extended hand. I would lose no time getting up to Him and parking my hand in that friendly grasp. That's the way I felt about Jesus; and I was right about Jesus, but I was wrong about God!

Many seem to think of God as very distant — sitting in cold, hard judgment away out yonder somewhere, millions of light years distant. One might start a prayer to Him which would eventually reach Him, but the answer seems very remote and uncertain.

The disciples were very uncertain and puzzled about God the Father. They would hear the Lord Jesus Christ speaking of "our Father in heaven," "my Father . . . in heaven," "your heavenly Father" — and one day Philip (probably speaking the thought that was in the mind of the others exclaimed, "Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us." I imagine Jesus looked at him with almost an expression of pain, as He answered, "Oh, Philip, have you been with Me this long time, walking with Me, talking with Me, eating and sleeping with Me, and have not seen the Father? Have you seen Me ministering to the sick and healing them, giving sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, making the lame to walk, and bringing joy to those in sorrow, and have not seen the Father? Why, Philip, when you see Me, you see the Father *in action*. And, oh, Philip, if you will stay close enough by, not long hence you will see My enemies nailing Me to the cross; you will see them driving the iron spikes into the palms of My hands, and into the sensitive insteps of My feet; you will see the crown of thorns pressed down upon My brow; then, Philip, you will see Me look up and say, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!' When you see that, Philip, you will be looking into the great, wide open, loving heart of God the Father."

Yes, fellows, it is through the loving Saviour, Jesus Christ, that you and I can learn to know God, our Heavenly Father. And how wonderful it is to know Him and to realize His presence continually with us — peculiarly fortunate for a young fellow who has learned to look to his earthly father for counsel and help in a thousand ways, but who has also discovered that his earthly father, as much as he loves and cares, has not the power to do and give all that is needed in a young fellow's life. But here is "the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, [who] fainteth not, neither is weary. There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. *Even the youths shall faint and be weary*, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isa. 40:28-31).

This seeems to be especially for you, fellows — labeled with your name! In this present world situation you are facing greater problems, greater testings than ever came to any youths of preceding generations. Make sure that you see your Heavenly Father's extended hand of power, and take hold of it with all the earnestness of your soul, for you will need it. You need it now.

AUGUSTA, GA.

My Class of Girls

By Vivian D. Gunderson

WE CALL GOD FATHER

Have We a Right To Call God Father?

A CHRISTIAN man was speaking about prayer. A worldly man said to him, "I tried praying, but it never did any good, so I quit."

The Christian replied: "I get answers to prayer every day. If your prayers were not answered, something must be wrong. Would you mind telling me how you prayed?"

"I prayed just like other people, I guess. I began, 'Our Father.'"

"Maybe that was the trouble," said the Christian. "Is God your Father?

No one has a right to call God 'Father' unless he has been born into God's family. If your son said, 'Father, please give me a nickel,' you would give it to him if you had it and thought it would be for his good. But if a strange little boy stepped up to you and said, 'Father, please give me a nickel,' would you give it to him?"

The worldly man said, "No, I would say, 'Be off with you.' I see that I was wrong to begin my prayers, 'Our Father.' Tell me what you mean by being born into God's family."

The Christian man led him to Christ. Some months later he met him again. "What do you think about prayer now?" he asked.

The other man answered enthusiastically, "I get answers to prayer every day. It makes all the difference that I have the right to call God Father."

What We Know About God

Let us see how much we can learn about God in today's lesson. Turn to Isaiah 40:28-31.

What comes first? He is *"everlasting."* Sometimes people say, "Where did God come from?" The answer is found in Psalm 90:2. God always was and always will be. Do you remember the name by which God called Himself when He spoke to Moses from the burning bush? (Exod. 3:14.) Not "I was," or "I will be," but "I AM." God is the self-existent One.

"The Lord" means the supreme One. God is supreme. He is omnipotent. That means He is all-powerful. There is nothing that God cannot do except that which is inconsistent with His own nature. Titus 1:2 tells us one thing that God cannot do. He is omnipotent, but He cannot lie because His nature is holy.

"The Creator of the ends of the earth." God is the creator of all. He Himself is the only uncreated being in the universe.

He *"fainteth not, neither is weary."* God has infinite capacity and infinite energy. There is nothing He cannot accomplish.

"There is no searching of his understanding." God is omniscient. That means He knows all. Someone has said, "A true friend is one who knows all about you and still loves you." God is the only one who completely fits this definition of a true friend. He knows all about everything in the universe and He knows all about us, and He still loves us.

The last two verses show God's goodness. He is willing to give of His unlimited energy to those who wait upon Him. The fact that God is able to give strength to all, no matter how far they are separated, suggests God's omnipresence. That means He is everywhere at once. God is a real person, but He is not limited by time and space as we are. When we say God is omnipresent we mean that He can be with us and at the same time be with people on the opposite side of the world. Proverbs 15:3 helps to clarify the meaning of this.

On Paul's second missionary journey he went to Athens. There He saw an altar inscribed "TO THE UNKNOWN GOD." So Paul stood on Mars' Hill and preached to the Greeks about the true God whom they did not know. Let us read his sermon to see how much he told them about God. Turn to Acts 17:22-31. What in this sermon suggests God's omnipotence? His omnipresence? His omniscience?

What did the Apostle Paul tell them that God has commanded every one to do? What does verse 31 tell us? That day is soon coming. Are you ready?

Getting Ready To Meet God

Turn to John 14. In the sixth verse the Lord Jesus told His disciples that He is the only means of approach to God the Father.

What did Philip ask in verse 8? Jesus answered, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Both His words and His works are of the Father. If we know the Lord Jesus we know God the Father.

Our Golden Text tells us what is necessary to please God. Faith is believing. Notice how often "believe" occurs in John 14.

The only way we can approach God is through repentance and faith in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. God is so great and holy we dare not stand before Him in our sin. But Christ became man as well as God that He might die for our sins and bring us to God. If we have come to God through Him, we have a right to call God Father. And we need not fear to meet Him.

Look at the wonderful result in John 14:13, 14. All our prayers will be answered if they are for God's glory and our good. It is wonderful to have the right to call God Father. Have you that right?

FERNDALE, WASH.

For Junior Teachers

By Ruth E. Dow

Topic and Scripture:
God Our Maker and Father
(Acts 17:22-31; Matt. 6:9)

PROBABLY some pupil has an infant brother or sister. Ask the mother to be a visitor at class, bringing the baby with her. Also ask a girl to bring a life-sized baby doll. Let the class compare the baby and the doll. What makes the difference? *Life!* God gave the baby life. The baby breathes. Does the doll breathe? God gave life to the baby, but the people who made the doll could not give breath to the doll. God is the only one who can give life and breath. There is a verse in the Bible that tells about this. "He [God] giveth to all life, and breath, and all things" (Acts 17:25, Memory Verse). You may also compare a person with a statue, if there is one with which the pupils are familiar.

Do you know how God gave life to the first man? (A picture of Adam in the Garden of Eden may be used.) Genesis 2:7 tells. Did God give *you* life and breath? (Job 33:4.) Is it God who keeps you living moment by moment? (Job 12:10. See the marginal reading for "soul.")

After Paul had told Lydia about the Lord Jesus Christ and she had received new life from God, a life that would never die, even when her body stopped breathing, he traveled on to tell other people. Coming to Athens (point from Philippi to Athens on a map), he found a city with many statues of make-believe persons, whom the people called gods; many beautiful houses for the gods, called temples; and many altars, on which incense and other presents were given to the gods. Some of the gods were named Zeus, Mars, Diana, and Venus. But Paul found one altar marked "TO THE UNKNOWN GOD." Paul thought: Now I will tell the people about the true God, this one they do not know. So he told them how, away back in the beginning, God made the world and everything in it. He was a great God, Lord of all Heaven and earth, too big to live in any temple men could make. He did not need any presents men might give Him, for He had made everyone and everything. He made black people and white and yellow and brown, and gave them the different parts of the earth to live in. He wanted them all to come to Him; He was not far away; they were living in Him. Of course, God was not made of gold or stone like their statues. God was alive, as they themselves were. They must ask God's forgiveness for worshiping statues instead of Him, or else some day they would be judged, and judged fairly, by the one God had appointed as judge, one whom God had raised from the dead. But most of the people only made fun of Paul and the idea of a person coming to life after he died.

God had given those people life, but they would not believe in Him and His Son who could give them a better life that would never die. God made us and gave us our body-life and breath. He also gives us spirit-life, if we have taken the Lord Jesus to be our Saviour. Then He becomes our Father as well as our maker. Because He made us, He knows everything that will make us get along best in life and He knows what will make us happy. How is your "Happy New Year" coming along? (Review the last lesson, and give opportunity for testimonies regarding it.)

Help the children formulate a prayer expressive of thanksgiving for physical and spiritual life. The following is suggestive: Our Father which art in

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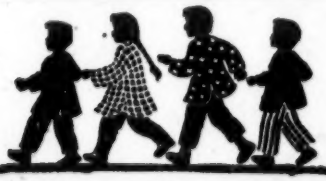

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ORONO, MAINE.

For Primary Teachers

By Ethel S. Low

Topic and Scripture:
God Our Maker and Father
(Acts 17:22-29)

LET us not have any misunderstanding about this subject today. Paul does not say that all men are the children of God, but that they are made in the image of God, His creation. He was trying to make it plain to the idolatrous Athenians that God was not made of gold or silver or anything that man could make. John tells us plainly who are the children of God, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

For your picture today, a picture of Mars' Hill or some of the altars of Athens.

The people of Athens must have been much like Americans today, always on the lookout for something new, always ready to follow a new leader, a new religion, a new order of things. Paul had been walking around the city, and he was amazed to find how religious they were; they had idols and altars to all the false gods, and even had an altar "TO THE UNKNOWN GOD." So Paul told them he knew all about this unknown God, and he told them that God was the one who had made the world and the stars, and that He also made man. He told them God was in Heaven and could not be worshiped by men's hands, but had commanded men to repent, for He would judge them some day as to whether they had believed on His Son whom He had raised from the dead.

Some of the listening crowd made fun of Paul, as they would today in one of our cities; some said they would like to hear more about it before they decided what to believe, just as they do today when we tell them about the Lord Jesus Christ; but some believed, just as they do today when the Gospel is preached.

Paul was one of the greatest of preachers, but he could not convince very many of the Greeks that Jesus Christ should be their Saviour. They were very well educated, very learned men, spent most of their time studying and debating, but they were not wise men, for "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." So many of the same kind of people today — teachers, college students, and professors — cannot believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

But we should tell the story of salvation to them even if they will not accept, for then they can never say that they were not told about Jesus. And you never know when one of the hard ones will accept your Saviour. Even in Athens Paul had some converts, one a man who was one of the learned men who debated on Mars' Hill, and the other a woman of whom we know nothing but her name, Damaris, and there were others who are not named.

Aren't you glad we do not have to worship as the Athenians did, an unknown God, but that we know about the Lord Jesus Christ? We know God is the creator of all things, we know He gives us all things, even life itself, and our hearts should overflow with gratitude to Him for all His gifts, but most of all, for His Son, our Saviour. And we have a right to call Him "our Father" if we have believed on His Son. Thousands of people say the Lord's Prayer who have no right to call God Father. We hear much talk about the Fatherhood of God by people who refuse to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. They have no right to call Him their Father.

Be very sure of your salvation, then you can be sure God is your Father, that Heaven is to be your home, and that you are really the child of the King! How would you like to be a prince or a princess? You can be, you are, if you belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, and with Him you are heirs of all things, in earth and Heaven. Think of it, let it thrill you, for it is true!

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What Can Your Children Sing?—*But without faith it is impossible to please him* (Heb. 11:6, Golden Text). We sing "Faith of Our Fathers," and remember our parents' religious devotion. But can our children honestly sing that? Do they see evidence of our faith? Or will they have to sing, "Faith of our grandfathers, living faith?"—*From Moody Monthly. Sent by Mrs. M. Watts, Fetcham, Surrey, Eng.*

No Drinking It Dry.—*There is no searching of his understanding* (Isa. 40:28). Once we crossed the Amazon River in a ship. The captain told us we were crossing, but we demurred. We knew that we were a hundred miles at sea, that far from the stretch of shore line. The captain insisted; he said the river was 180 miles wide at its mouth, and flowed into the ocean with such volume and force that it carried its sweet waters more than 100 miles to sea. He urged us to taste the water to test it. That greatest river of earth had come down four thousand miles, and was throwing itself without reserve into the bosom of the Atlantic. We could as easily with our little cup drink its waters dry as to drink dry the waters of the kindness of God.—*From Christ Life. Sent by Albert Mygatt, David City, Nebr.*

A Way Out—or a Way Over?—*They that wait upon the Lord . . . shall mount up with wings as eagles* (Isa. 40:31). Our neighbor had on his lawn a small oval flower plot, fenced with chicken wire about a foot high. Into this enclosure a young robin landed one morning, after one of its early attempts to fly. As I looked out, I saw the excited little fellow hopping along the fence vainly looking for a hole through which to escape. "Foolish little bird," I thought, "why do you not use your wings and fly over the fence?" And then an inward voice whispered, "Foolish little me! How often I anxiously look for a way *out* of my troubles, when God has provided me with wings to rise *above* them."—*From Moody Monthly. Sent by Grace Robinson, Topeka, Kans.*

Why They Worshiped Idols.—*Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us* (John 14:8). On one of my trips, after traveling ten or twelve days we camped on the shores of a lakelike river. While my men were cooking supper I wandered to the top of a well-wooded hill, and there saw that about every third tree had been cut down, and the high stumps carved into a rude representation of human forms. Scattered around were dog-ovens, where in certain religious ceremonies their favorite white dogs had been roasted and devoured. It was a grotesque place. Later, after I had held a service, I asked a fine-looking old Indian: "What is your religion? Tell me what you believe." His answer was, "We believe in a Good Spirit and a bad spirit." "Why then do you not worship the Good Spirit? I came through your groves and saw where you had cut down trees and used part for fuel, and out of the rest carved an idol. How is one part more sacred than an-

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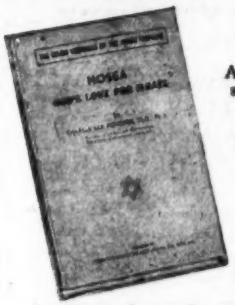

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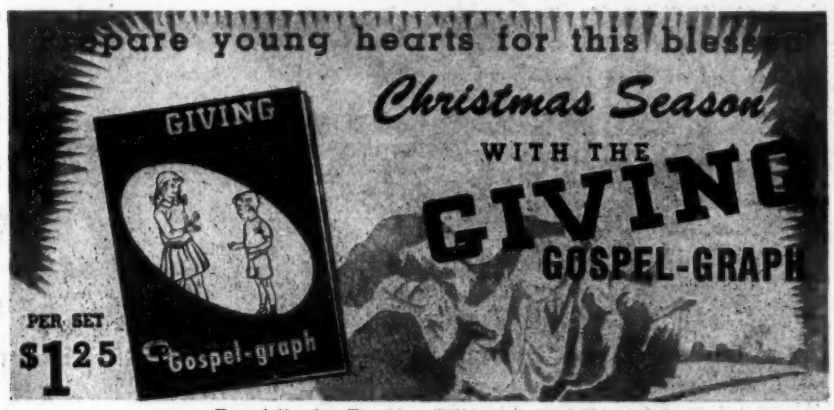

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other? Why do you make idols?" I shall never forget his impressive, impassioned answer: "Missionary, the Indian's mind is dark, and he cannot grasp the unseen. He hears the Great Spirit's voice in the thunder and the storms; he sees evidence of His existence all around, but neither he nor his fathers have ever seen the Great Spirit, and so he does not know what He looks like. Man is the highest creature he knows of, so he makes his idol like a man." Suddenly there flashed across my mind the request of Philip, "Shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us," and the wonderful answer. . . . I opened my Bible and unfolded to them this message. For two weeks I needed no other theme; and as a result they applied these truths to their hearts, burned their idols, and on that spot now stands a little church, while the Indians are transformed by the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.—*From "Experiences Among the Indians," by Egerton R. Young. Sent by Albert Mygatt, David City, Nebr. Prize illustration.*

Defense Against the Doubting Questioner.—*Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake* (John 14:11). A little fellow essaying his earliest lessons in numbers was crying over his failure one day, complaining that an older boy had made him "get 'em all wrong." To a sympathetic questioner he explained, "No, he didn't tell me wrong; he said how did I know that two and three made five? He just kept sayin' how did I know, and how did I know, till by and by I didn't know." The questioner with the note of doubt is everywhere, and it is characteristic of him that he never says a way is right or wrong, never suggests anything better; he only questions. He questions the skill of your physician, the advisability of your contemplated business venture, your choice of a locality for your new home. He has nothing definite to say, no improvement to offer; he awakens only doubt. He may not intend mischief like the boy who teased the young student, but he accomplishes the same result; he often leaves other minds perplexed and uncertain. But he is worst of all in the realm of spiritual things, where, seeking no faith for himself, he clouds the faith of others with his ceaseless, "How do you know?" Our best defense against his attacks is to be armed with the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. —*Source unknown. Sent by Eleanor L. Griffith, Rockland, Maine.*

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his humble supper. He was a godly man who, with his wife, was supporting a girl in a mission school in India. On his plate had been placed a letter just received from India. He broke the seal and began to read. A serious look soon crossed his face, and he said, "Wife, I cannot eat my supper; I must pray." Entering at once into his closet, he betook himself to prayer. The letter in question had brought sad news. The missionary, whom I knew personally, told about this girl, how she had resisted all efforts for her spiritual help. She had become hard and incorrigible, and was not only resisting Christ for herself, but was standing seriously in the way of others accepting Him. Unless a change should come very shortly in this girl, the missionary wrote, they would be obliged, for the sake of the other girls, to send her from the school altogether. The blacksmith entered into his closet and prayed. Now, Saturday night in Ohio, as you all know, is Sunday morning in India, allowing for the difference in time. As was afterward learned, on that Sunday morning the missionary lady gathered with her class of girls in Sunday school as usual. The lesson, however, had not proceeded far when, without apparent reason, this incorrigible girl leaped from her seat on the floor, flung herself in tears at the feet of the missionary, and wept her way to the Saviour. The other girls were deeply moved; one by one they followed her example, and salvation came to the whole class that morning. Vital energy had been put forth by prayer in Ohio and, as a result, great things came to pass in India.—*From "Marching Orders." Sent by Howard M. Green, Laconia, N. H.*

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(The questions are on page 1288)

1. It is the same God, the same in character, but more fully revealed in the New Testament.

2. The Bible shows monotheism in the origin of the race. Polytheism is always a departure from the pure light — a sin into which Israel frequently fell.

3. Decidedly, and of necessity. God revealed Himself according to His purpose and the ability of men to receive. Even in the New Testament there is progression. See John 1:17, Hebrews 1:1, 2, and read Benard's "Progress of Doctrine."

4. His holiness (Isa. 6:1-3).

5. His prophetic statements of the saving work of Christ are almost Pauline in clearness — especially chapter 53.

6. The God of infinite power and wisdom condescending to lift up the weak, helpless, and fallen.

7. Only as we receive His Son, the Lord Jesus (John 1:12; Gal. 4:6).

8. Equality and dependence.

9. According to John 14:11, our Lord is Himself the final demonstration of His deity, and His works a corroboration of those weak in faith. (See Matt. 11:2-6.)

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2. Having Direct Access to God
(1 Pet. 2:5, 9, 10; Rev. 1:6; 22:17)

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THOSE of us who have been brought up in Christian families in a Protestant land, such as the United States of America, have a very imperfect realization of the real value of that particular feature of our Protestant heritage which has to do with our knowledge of direct access to God. Some of us may even be surprised that such a thing should be mentioned as a part of our Protestant heritage, for no doubt we have met individuals of the Roman Catholic faith who claim that they, too, have this direct access to God just as do Protestants. To appreciate fully what it means to have withheld this great truth of direct access to God, we should live for a while in a country that is dominated by Rome, and see the terrible spiritual and temporal bondage under which the people live, and see how completely Rome, by its teachings and its threats, has shut men off from God, and has led them to believe that only through the church, and the priest, and the Virgin Mary, and the saints can they reach Him, and have their prayers answered.

To keep men and women, and boys and girls, in the darkness of superstition and fear, Rome has denied them the Scriptures, first by refusing to make them accessible to the common people, and second, when this has failed, to teach them that only the church can correctly interpret and explain the Scriptures. Thus the reading of the Bible is discouraged and the truth withheld.

It is important, therefore, as Protestants, that we should know the Scriptural foundation for believing that we need no human mediator, nor church, nor ecclesiastical system to approach God or to have prayer answered, any more than we need some outsider to come into our homes in order to make it possible for us to speak to our earthly fathers.

First of all, let us understand clearly that all men do not have the same relationship to God. Just as in the daily life, you bear a peculiar relationship to your earthly father which others in your town or village or city do not en-

joy, believers, who by faith have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, enjoy a peculiar relationship to God. Through faith in Christ, all believers have become members of God's family (John 1:12). Others may speak to Him, but they have no claim upon Him as do those who are His children.

The second great truth that we need to see is that the Lord Jesus, by coming to this world in human flesh, by dying on the cross and rising from the dead and returning to the Father, has opened up to all believers a "new and living way" to the Father (Heb. 10:20), by which all believers may come "boldly," or without fear or hesitation, to the throne of grace (Heb. 4:16). We do not have to wait for any particular time or place, or for the ministrations of any particular man to enjoy this privilege, nor are we dependent upon the intercession of Mary or any holy person who has been labeled a saint by the church, to have our prayers answered. We have the assurance of God's Word that He hears us and that therefore He will answer (1 John 5:14, 15).

In the third place, we need to recognize that our claim upon God, when we come to Him in prayer, is not based on any holy living or act of penance that we may do, nor is it based upon the good life or the ministrations of any other human being. It is based solely on the finished work of the Lord Jesus on Calvary (1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Eph. 2:8, 9; and 2 Tim. 1:9).

Finally, we need to see, as believing Christians, that when we have sinned, or disobeyed, or transgressed the will of our Heavenly Father, we have an immediate and direct access to God, who has told us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). We are not told to confess to any human being or to any representative of the church, or to wait for some particular time or place to make our confession. It can be made direct to God, instantly, wherever we are, the moment we know we have sinned. Thus our fellowship with the Heavenly Father may be interrupted only momentarily.

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"Very good," Mother said, when Sally had finished. "But, child, how you've grown! Your dress is away up above your knees. I must let the bottom hem down." But the hem was not deep enough to be let down, so Mother had to make Sally a new dress.

"It's sweet," declared the happy little girl after the dress was finished, and she had tried it on. But what she found in her pocket, made her hug herself with delight.

"See the gold penny I've found!" she squealed, "Is it mine, Mommie dear? Is it all mine?" Every week Sally's daddy gave her a Saturday penny, but those Saturday pennies were just dull, common, copper ones. This penny was a beautiful, shining, yellow one — to Sally, it was a most valuable "gold" one.

"Yes, it's all yours," smiled her mother, "and you may spend it exactly as you wish."

Sally thought a moment. "Because it's a gold, extra special penny, I'm going to spend it for something extra special," she decided. But, though she tried very, very hard, she could not think of a thing that seemed to her special enough to buy with it.

"Everything I think of," she sighed, "can be torn up, or eaten up, or smashed up, or something." Again she sighed. "I wonder — isn't there anything that lasts, and never gets used up?" Then a happy thought came to her. "I'll ask Jesus to tell me of something extra special that will last." After asking Him, that night, she bounced happily into bed, and soon fell fast asleep.

The next morning, Sally was awake bright and early, for this was Missionary Sunday, when she was to wear her new dress for the first time, and say her missionary verse.

The entire program that morning, in Sunday school, was about missionaries and missionary service. The school sang missionary choruses; one of the older girls read from Mark 16:15, where Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"; and an older boy prayed for those who do not know Jesus the Saviour.

While the other pupils were taking their parts, Sally sat very still, and listened quietly until it was her turn to recite. Then she said her verse — so clearly that everyone could hear her:

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"One day," she began, "while I was teaching in a South Indian village, I heard harsh, angry voices, and the shrill cries of a frightened child. When I went to see what was going on, I found a big, ugly priest who wanted to buy the child from her father, who was beating her because she was struggling against going with the evil man.

"After I had talked quietly with the girl, whose name was Manjula, she calmed down. Then I asked her if she would be willing to come with me, and be my little girl. She said she would, but the father said I'd have to buy her, or he wouldn't let her go with me. I offered him eight annas (which is about twenty cents), and, because that was more money than the priest was willing to give for her, the father said I might have her.

"Soon after buying Manjula, I sent her to one of our mission schools. The missionaries there explained to her that just as *I* had bought her with *money*, so that *I* might save her from having to belong to that wicked *priest*, just so *Christ* had bought her with His precious *blood* (1 Pet. 1:19), so that *He* might save her from having to belong to terrible *Satan*.

"The school missionaries also explained that just as she had to *consent* to be *my* little girl, before *I* could save her from the *priest*, just so she would have to *consent* to be *Jesus'* child, before *He* could save her from *Satan*.

"Well, on a wonderful day, Manjula told the Lord Jesus she wanted to be His little girl, and she promised to trust and obey Him always. Right away the dear Saviour accepted her, and then and there she became His child forever and ever. And oh, the children in America, whose missionary offerings had been used to buy Manjula, were *so* happy when they heard of her having been saved!"

Hardly had Miss Grant finished speaking when Sally, who had been thinking of her verse, as well as listening to the story, slipped from her chair, and ran straight up to the missionary.

"Here!" she cried, "take my beautiful gold penny, and please buy another little girl, and teach her, too, how to be Jesus' child forever and ever."

Miss Grant's eyes were shiny, very shiny as she softly said, "Thank you, dear, thank you."

"You see," Sally explained, "I asked the Lord Jesus to show me how to spend my gold penny for something extra special and lasting. And He's done it, hasn't He, Miss Grant?"

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Tues.—Psalm 33:12-22. God Our Deliverer.

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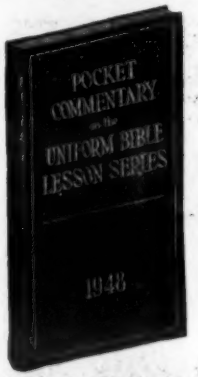

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Thurs.—Matthew 6:25-30. God Our Provider.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." God will do for His righteous people what He never will do for others. His providences governing most people are general, but to His trusting people He gives particular mercies. Therefore, let all who know and love Him keep right on seeking first His Kingdom. He will observe and honor them according to promise. *Pray for greater ability to recognize the profusion and variety of good things God spreads before you on the good table of His providence.*

Fri.—Acts 17:22-31. God Our Lord.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS: "He hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." All men will acknowledge Jesus as Lord at their judgment. "That . . . every knee should bow, . . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:10, 11). Blessed are the people who, now and here, bow their knees before Christ Jesus the Lord. *Pray that you may realize Christ's Lordship over all creatures, and particularly over His own people.*

Sat.—Philippians 4:4-9. God Our Joy.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS: "Rejoice in the Lord alway." Every right thought of God gives a sinner hope and a child of God cheer. The fact that God is glorious in holiness, perfect in wisdom, love, and power, and ready to be gracious and attend to our prayers is itself a ground of joy. Go to God often. The pleasures and profit of His presence will lead you to exclaim, "God, my exceeding joy!" *Pray for sad Christians who live and mourn as if they had no Comforter.*

Sun.—John 14:8-14. God Our Father.

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